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September Milk Prices

Wisconsin's September milk price is expected to average \$17.20 per hundredweight (cwt.). This price is 90 cents higher than August's price of \$16.30 per cwt. and \$3.70 more than September 2009.

The expected U.S. milk price for September is \$17.20 per cwt. This is up 50 cents from August and is the same as Wisconsin's price. With the exception of Florida, which is expecting a 30 cent drop in price, all of the major milk producing states are predicting a price increase from August to September. Wisconsin is expecting the largest increase in price, followed by Washington, which is predicting a rise in price of 80 cents per cwt. Minnesota and California are both expecting a 70 cent increase in their milk price.

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) 40-pound block cheese price closed at \$1.7600 per pound on August 31, while barrels were \$1.7350 per pound. The CME butter price was \$2.2350 per pound.

For the week ending September 18, 2010 the National Agricultural Statistics Service U.S. weekly 40-pound block cheese price averaged \$1.7056 per pound, and 500 pound barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.7060 per pound. The U.S. butter price was \$2.1863 per pound.

The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Class III price for September will be released on October 1.

Milk Prices 1/

Selected states	August 2009		August 2010		September 2010	
	Price per cwt.	Fat Test	Price per cwt.	Fat Test	Price per cwt.	Fat Test
	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent
Milk for all uses						
WI	12.40	3.60	16.30	3.51	17.20	3.58
CA	10.96	3.55	15.50	3.54	16.20	3.63
ID	11.60	3.50	15.30	3.47	15.90	3.52
MI	12.50	3.52	17.50	3.46	17.90	3.53
MN	13.00	3.62	16.50	3.55	17.20	3.67
NM	11.40	3.43	16.10	3.40	16.70	3.45
NY	12.70	3.61	18.00	3.55	18.20	3.62
PA	13.30	3.60	18.50	3.50	18.90	3.55
TX	12.60	3.61	17.30	3.59	17.50	3.65
US	12.10	3.56	16.70	3.52	17.20	3.59
WI utilization						
Grade A milk	12.40	3.60	16.40	3.51	XXX	XXX
Grade B milk	11.80	3.64	14.50	3.59	XXX	XXX

1/Preliminary average buying prices received for milk of average test. All milk price published by NASS reflects the gross milk price received by farmers.
Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.

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This Farm Reporter contains the results from the following surveys. Thanks for your help!

Prices Received Report
Monthly Dairy Products Report
Dry Onion Yield Forecast
September Grain Stocks Report
Ag Yield Survey
Corn Objective Yield Survey

Dairy Products, Production by Selected States and U. S.

Item and area	August 2009	July 2010	August 2010	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds			Percent
CHEESE				
American Cheddar	339,841	352,424	345,243	+2
WI	55,198	56,306	52,200	-5
CA	30,022	27,313	27,548	-8
ID	46,540	47,348	46,676	n.c.
MN	41,791	41,577	36,818	-12
US	264,743	276,134	265,512	n.c.
Brick & Muenster	11,143	10,312	10,450	-6
Cream & Neufchatel	76,739	64,252	74,163	-3
Hispanic	18,009	17,319	17,984	n.c.
Mozzarella				
WI	74,937	73,503	73,500	-2
CA	90,547	106,246	110,385	+22
US	272,632	291,658	294,266	+8
Parmesan	17,306	17,887	15,936	-8
Provolone	29,893	29,972	28,471	-5
Ricotta	18,936	17,711	20,948	+11
Romano	3,191	2,753	2,126	-33
Other Italian types	3,841	4,344	4,429	+15
Total Italian				
WI	103,867	103,940	103,108	-1
CA	101,745	116,172	120,103	+18
US	345,799	364,325	366,176	+6
Swiss	26,094	28,399	27,561	+6
All other cheese	25,812	28,619	29,775	+15
Total cheese				
WI	228,251	221,395	225,136	-1
CA	169,219	188,368	189,915	+12
ID	69,747	72,502	73,329	+5
NY	67,110	58,622	65,884	-2
US	850,684	881,641	880,574	+4

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.

Production Down for Wisconsin Small Grains

Winter wheat production for 2010 in Wisconsin was 14.7 million bushels, down 31 percent from 2009. Winter wheat acres planted decreased 95,000 from the previous year to 240,000 acres, while harvested acres decreased by 85,000, to 230,000 acres. The 2010 winter wheat yield of 64 bushels per acre was down 4 bushels from 2009.

Nationally, all wheat production was 2.22 billion bushels, the same as the previous year. There were 53.6 million wheat acres planted and 47.7 million acres harvested during the 2010 growing season. Planted acres decreased 5.6 million acres, while harvested acres decreased 4.5 million acres from 2009. All wheat yielded 46.7 bushels per acre, a 2.2 bushel increase from the previous year. Winter wheat production dropped 3 percent, with 1.49 billion bushels harvested. Planted acres were down 14 percent to 37.3 million acres, and harvested acres decreased 8 percent to 31.7 million acres. Winter wheat yielded 46.8 bushels per acre this growing season, 2.6 bushels above the previous year.

In Wisconsin, the number of planted acres of oats in 2010 was 310,000, unchanged from the previous year. There were 170,000 acres harvested, 25,000 acres less than 2009. Oats in 2010 yielded 58.0 bushels per acre, a decrease of 10 bushels from the previous year. Fewer acres harvested and a lower yield led production to be down 26 percent from last year, to a total of 9.9 million bushels. Wisconsin was the second highest producing state, behind Minnesota, for oats this year after being first in 2009.

U.S. oat production totaled a record low 81.9 million bushels, down 12 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 64.6 bushels per acre, down 2.9 bushels from the previous year. Compared with last year, yields decreased or stayed the same for most states, with the exception of Michigan, Texas, and several states in the Northwest. Harvested area, at 1.27 million acres is 8 percent below last year. This is the smallest acreage harvested for grain on record, continuing a steady downward trend.

Wisconsin produced 1.44 million bushels of barley in 2010, a slight decline from the previous year. Area planted to barley was unchanged from last year at 45,000 acres, while area harvested increased 5,000 acres to 30,000 acres in 2010. Yields were down 11 bushels from the previous year to 48 bushels per acre.

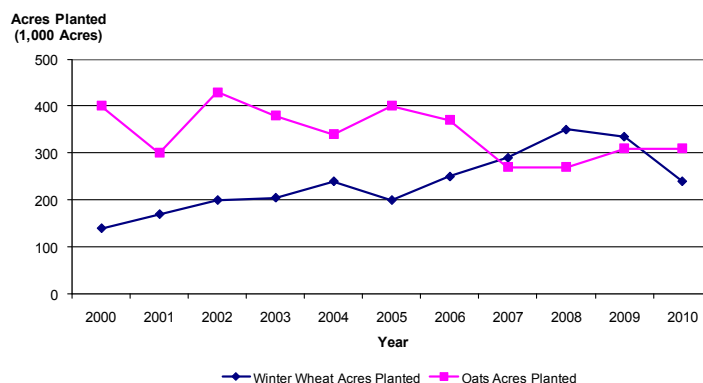
At the national level, barley production fell 20 percent from 2009 to 182 million bushels. There were 2.87 million acres planted to barley in the U.S., a drop off of 695,000 acres from 2009. This is the lowest planted acreage on record. Harvested acres declined 642,000 acres, to 2.47 million acres, the lowest level since 1882.

**WINTER WHEAT, OATS, AND BARLEY
Acreage, Yield, and Production,
Wisconsin, 2009-2010**

Grain	Planted		Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres		Bushels		1,000 Bushels	
Winter Wheat	335	240	315	230	68	64	21,420	14,720
Oats	310	310	195	170	68	58	13,260	9,860
Barley	45	45	25	30	59	48	1,475	1,440

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

**Wisconsin Acres Planted to Winter Wheat and Oats,
2000-2010**



Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

Onion Production



Wisconsin's 2010 onion production is expected to be 468,000 hundredweight (cwt.). The number of acres harvested, at 1,800, is down 200 acres from last year. The yield per acre is predicted to be 260 cwt. per acre.

Nationally, U.S. onion growers are expecting to harvest 148,270 acres in 2010, down 2 percent from last year. Yield, at 485 cwt. per acre, is forecast down 17 cwt. per acre from 2009. Total production is predicted to decrease 5 percent to 71.9 million cwt.

Wisconsin Corn and Soybean Stocks Up from September 2009

Old crop corn stocks in all positions in Wisconsin totaled 82.5 million bushels as of September 1, 2010, up 21 percent from 68 million bushels on September 1, 2009. On-farm stocks accounted for 32 million bushels, a decrease of 16 percent from 38 million bushels a year earlier, while off-farm stocks came in at 50.5 million bushels, a 68 percent increase from 30 million bushels on September 1 of last year.

United States old crop corn stocks in all positions on September 1, 2010 totaled 1.71 billion bushels, up 2 percent from September 1, 2009. Of the total stocks, 485 million bushels are stored on farms, down 20 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 1.22 billion bushels, are up 15 percent from a year ago. The June - August 2010 indicated disappearance is 2.60 billion bushels, compared with 2.59 billion bushels during the same period last year.

Wisconsin old crop soybean stocks in all positions totaled 5.2 million bushels as of September 1, 2010, an increase of 37 percent from 3.8 million bushels on September 1, 2009. On-farm stocks were 900 thousand bushels, up 13 percent from 800 thousand bushels a year earlier, while off-farm stocks were 4.3 million bushels, up 43 percent from 3.0 million bushels on September 1 of last year.

United States old crop soybean stocks stored in all positions on September 1, 2010 totaled 151 million bushels, up 9 percent from September 1, 2009. Soybean stocks stored on farms totaled 35.4 million bushels, up 1 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 116 million bushels, are up 12 percent from last September. Indicated disappearance for June - August 2010 totaled 420 million bushels, down 8 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Nationally, wheat stored in all positions on September 1, 2010 totaled 2.46 billion bushels, up 11 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 826 million bushels, down 1 percent from last September. Off-farm stocks, at 1.63 billion bushels, are up 19 percent from a year ago. The June - August 2010 indicated disappearance is 740 million bushels, up 12 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Nationally, barley stocks in all positions on September 1, 2010 totaled 225 million bushels, down 6 percent from September 1, 2009. On-farm stocks are estimated at 127 million bushels, 18 percent below a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 98.4 million bushels, are 15 percent above September 2009. The June - August 2010 indicated disappearance is 72.4 million bushels, 5 percent below the same period a year earlier.

United States oats stored in all positions on September 1, 2010 totaled 117 million bushels, 9 percent below the stocks on September 1, 2009. Of the total stocks on hand, 46.8 million bushels are stored on farms, 14 percent lower than a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 70.7 million bushels, 4 percent below the previous year. Indicated disappearance during June - August 2010 totaled 44.7 million bushels, compared with 48.8 million bushels during the same period a year ago.

**GRAIN STOCKS: September 1, 2009-2010
(Total, All Positions) 1/**

Grain	Wisconsin		United States	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 bushels			
Corn	68,039	82,510	1,673,311	1,707,566
Soybeans	3,805	5,167	138,198	151,121
Oats	2/	2/	128,375	117,448
Wheat	2/	2/	2,209,338	2,458,849
Barley	2/	2/	239,464	224,994

1/Includes both on- and off-farm stocks. 2/Minor states not published separately, but are included in U.S. total. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.

Wisconsin Expects Record Corn and Soybean Yields

Wisconsin's corn and soybean crops were rated 84 and 83 percent good-excellent, respectively, at the beginning of October. A warm growing season, with mostly ample rains, kept the crops in good condition throughout the growing season. Crops are reaching maturity ahead of both last year and the 5-year average. Corn and soybean harvests are both well underway, with 19 and 23 percent, respectively, of the crops harvested, both well ahead of the 5-year average.

Wisconsin's corn yield forecast is a record 162 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels from last month and 9 bushels from last year's record high. Acreage for grain harvest is forecast at 2.95 million. If realized, production for the state would be 477.9 million bushels, a 7 percent increase from last year.

U.S. corn production is forecast at 12.7 billion bushels, down 4 percent from the September forecast and down 3 percent from last year's record production of 13.1 billion bushels. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 155.8 bushels per acre, down 6.7 bushels from the previous month and 8.9 bushels below last year's record of 164.7 bushels. Forecasted yields decreased from last month throughout much of the Corn Belt and Tennessee Valley. Illinois showed the largest decline, down 14 bushels per acre. Indiana and Iowa are both down 10 bushels from the previous month, while Missouri and Nebraska declined 9 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 81.3 million acres, up less than 1 percent from the September forecast. Acreage updates were made in several States based on administrative data.

Soybean yield in Wisconsin is forecast at a record high 49 bushels per acre, up 9 bushels from last year, and 2 bushels above the previous record set in 1998. Harvested acreage is forecast at 1.63 million acres. This would give the state a production of 79.9 million bushels, up 23 percent from last year.

U.S. Soybean production is forecast at a record high 3.41 billion bushels, down 2 percent from September but 1 percent above last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average a record high 44.4 bushels per acre, down 0.3 bushel from last month but up 0.4 bushel from last year. Compared with last month, yields are forecast lower or unchanged in all major-producing States except Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, New York, and Wisconsin. The largest decreases in yield from

last month are expected in North Carolina and Virginia, down 5 and 4 bushels, respectively. If forecasts are realized, yields in Illinois, Louisiana, Nebraska, New York, North Dakota, and Wisconsin will be record highs and the yield in Minnesota will tie the previous record high. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at 76.8 million acres, down 1 percent from the previous estimate but up 1 percent from 2009. Acreage updates were made in several States based on administrative data.

Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures harvested as dry hay in Wisconsin are forecast to yield 2.90 tons per acre, up 0.40 tons per acre from last year. Wisconsin farmers expect to harvest 4.50 million tons from 1.60 million acres. This would be a 16 percent increase in production from last year. All other hay is expected to yield 2.10 tons per acre, up 0.60 tons per acre from last year. Statewide all other hay production is forecast at 945,000 tons on 450,000 harvested acres. If realized, this would be a 70 percent increase in other hay production from last year.

Crop Summary, 2009 and Forecasted October 1, 2010

Crop	Harvested acres (thousands)		Unit	Yield per acre		Production (thousands)		Production % change 2010/09
	2009	2010		2009	2010	2009	2010	
Corn for grain								
Wisconsin	2,930	2,950	Bu.	153.0	162.0	448,290	477,900	+7
Illinois	11,800	12,400	Bu.	174.0	160.0	2,053,200	1,984,000	-3
Iowa	13,400	13,100	Bu.	182.0	169.0	2,438,800	2,213,900	-9
Minnesota	7,150	7,200	Bu.	174.0	175.0	1,244,100	1,260,000	+1
Michigan	2,090	2,150	Bu.	148.0	156.0	309,320	335,400	+8
Indiana	5,460	5,740	Bu.	171.0	160.0	933,660	918,400	-2
United States	79,590	81,263	Bu.	164.7	155.8	13,110,062	12,663,949	-3
Soybeans for beans								
Wisconsin	1,620	1,630	Bu.	40.0	49.0	64,800	79,870	+23
Illinois	9,350	9,050	Bu.	46.0	52.0	430,100	470,600	+9
Iowa	9,530	9,850	Bu.	51.0	52.0	486,030	512,200	+5
Minnesota	7,120	7,310	Bu.	40.0	45.0	284,800	328,950	+16
Michigan	1,990	2,090	Bu.	40.0	44.0	79,600	91,960	+16
Indiana	5,440	5,330	Bu.	49.0	50.0	266,560	266,500	n.c.
United States	76,372	76,823	Bu.	44.0	44.4	3,359,011	3,408,211	+1
Alfalfa, (dry only)								
Wisconsin	1,550	1,550	Ton	2.50	2.90	3,875	4,495	+16
United States	21,227	20,732	Ton	3.35	3.44	71,030	71,326	n.c.
All other, (dry only)								
Wisconsin	370	450	Ton	1.50	2.10	555	945	+70
United States	38,528	38,924	Ton	1.98	2.08	76,412	80,952	+6

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.

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